REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Pending claims

Claims 1 to 40, as filed, are pending.

Claims Canceled

Claims 2 to 17, 21, 35, 36, 38, and 40, are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, after entry of the instant amendment, claims 1, 18 to 20, 22 to 34, 37 and 39 will be pending and under consideration.

Sequence Listing

The Specification has been amended to provide information regarding the electronic submission of the Sequence Listing via EFS Web. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the Sequence Listing into the above-captioned case is respectfully requested.

Support for the claim amendments

The specification sets forth an extensive description of the invention in the amended claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully aver that after entry of the instant amendment the claims will be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 564462012800.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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